

To whom it may concern:I have been using XM radio for over a year now and in the beginning I was not sure how much I would like it nor was I sure it would be worth the money for the service. After almost a year and a half, I do not know how I would do without it. I currently have four units that I pay for and use each of them daily. A couple of months ago I tried to listen to regular radio. It was less than ten minutes that I turned it off and put my XM back on. I have not listened to FM since. I work about 150 miles from where I live and make the travel to and from work every third day. I am a Fire Fighter and like most fire fighters, we like things that work well and make our jobs and lives easier. XM does just that. All of the local channels that I can pick up from where I live to where I work, (I must listen to three different ones during the trip) have traffic updates every 30 minutes or so. They always cover the main roads that each person uses to get in and around there main city. None of which helps me. It is not until I get into Orlando, Florida area that some of the information helps. Normally by that time I am committed to the road of travel and if something has happened, it is too late for me to change my road of travel. With XM traffic, it is up to the minute and it is constant. Now I can check the roads that I am traveling on when I need to and should something be going on, I have time to make other plans. My wife and I both do not know how we ever got along without XM radio. I have turned so many of my friends on to XM radio and have even gone as far as letting them use one of my systems for a week or two to check it out. None of them have every said they did not like it and all of them have made a purchase of XM and are now one of the many users. It always amazes me how people when threatened make all sorts of complaints and false accusations because they feel threatened. This is one of those cases and should be seen as such. If the National Association of Broadcasters would have a way of producing such a great format nation wide, this petition would not even be presented. It is because they CANNOT and feel threatened that it is. As Americans we always have a choice and sometimes that choice involves paying for a service. I choose to pay for XM radio because I do not want listen to the local DJ?s and all of the dumb comments that they offer nor do I want to listen to all of the ads they must produce in order to stay on the air. This is no different than anything else in America or the world. Those who are able to pay for a service to make their lives more enjoyable may do so should they want to. Those who can not afford to can either find a way to improve their income so they can or they can listen to AM/FM radio or CD?s. I ask that you dismiss the petition the NAB has brought to you and allow us all of enjoy our lives the way we chose.

Thank you

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